



with £40,384,167 last year, being an increase of £2,764,655. The exports for the month were £24,385,771, against £24,550,557 for July last year, showing a decrease of £164,786. The imports for the seven months ended July 31 were £305,508,357, compared with £295,899,053 for the corresponding period last year, being an increase of £9,609,304. The exports for the seven months amount to £163,182,163, against £168,927,321 for the corresponding period last year, the decrease being £5,745,152.

THE STRAND BARBER—JUDGMENT.

Lawrence Cohen, 37, hairdresser, of 162A, Strand, surrendered to his bail at the N. London Sessions to receive sentence on an indictment, to which he pleaded guilty last sessions, accusing him with having conspired together with an assistant, named Fou, to obtain various small sums of money from customers by representing that they were suffering from a terrible scalp disease, and charging an exorbitant sum, generally 3s. 6d., for a process known as "head steaming."—Mr. Loveland-Loveland ordered Cohen to find two sureties in £20, and to enter into his own recognisances for the same amount to come up for sentence if recalled upon.

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LAWN TENNIS.
ESSEX CHAMPIONSHIPS.
At Colchester. Results—
Gentlemen's Open: Singles—Final at
Championship Round: H. Roper Barrett, beat
G. O. S. Hatton (6-2, 6-3).
Ladies Open Singles—Final and Championship
Round: Miss D. Douglas beat Miss
A. M. Horton (6-3, 6-3).

POLO.
At the Crystal Palace, the Rovers won
the game by 5 goals to 3. Goals for Rovers
by A. Stuart 1 to London's 4 goals by
Maj. Peters, R. Matternson, 1, and A. A. Saffell.
The teams were: Rovers: Mr. A. Flax-
ing, Mr. Noel Price, Capt. Rogers, Gen-
eral B. S. Lee, Mr. J. C. Lee, Mr. J. C. Lee,
N. S. Matternson, M. C. Paton, Mr. A.
Saffell, and Mr. Scott Robson.

DEATH OF THE EMPRESS FREDERICK.

PEACEFUL END TO A PAINFUL ILLNESS.

THE KAISER AND HIS MOTHER.

After a long and painful illness, the Empress Frederick, eldest sister of King Edward, died at Cronberg on Monday evening, surrounded by all the members of her family, with the



THE LATE EMPRESS FREDERICK.

exception of her sailor son, Prince Ingeborg. Her end was peaceful. She passed away as though falling asleep, in just such a manner as she had wished. Conscious to the last, she was able to recognise every member of her family, but could not speak to them.

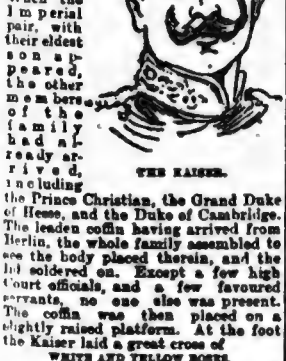
THE FATAL MALADY.
She had suffered long from cancer of the left breast, which gradually involved the deeper tissues, and finally attacked the heart, causing fatal weakening of the organ. The result of this weakness was disturbance of the circulation, ending in dropsy. Her Majesty, too, suffered terribly from the spread of the disease to the glands of the neck, which swelled so much as to interfere seriously with her breathing, and resulted in the loss of all power of speech.

THE LAST MOMENTS.

For days she had lain in great agony, refusing to take sedatives or narcotics for their alleviation; but as the end drew nigh the pain abated. At 4 p.m. on Monday a rapid change for the worse set in, and the English chaplain was again summoned from Homburg. Shortly before six her Majesty took some tea. A quarter-of-an-hour later the death agony began. A few minutes before the end, Prof. Revers warned the Kaiser that death was quite near. The Kaiser and the Princesses knelt down, and while his Majesty held his mother's hand she drew a deep breath two or three times, and then quietly passed away. About an hour after the death, the deceased's relatives re-entered the chamber, and the officials and members of her late Majesty's household were permitted to pass the bedside. Shortly afterwards the Princesses scattered roses about the bed, and adorned the chamber with flowers. The Crown Prince held up the basket while the ladies arranged the flowers, which were chiefly white roses.

THE KAISER'S LAST LOOK AT HIS MOTHER.

On Wednesday afternoon, together with the Empress and Crown Prince, the Kaiser drove from Homburg to Cronberg to take a last look at the remains of his mother.



THE KAISER.

When the Imperial pair, with their eldest son appeared, the other members of the family had already arrived, including the Prince Christian, the Grand Duke of Hesse, and the Duke of Cambridge. The leaden coffin having arrived from Berlin, the whole family assembled to see the body placed therein, and the lid soldered on. Except a few high court officials, and a few favoured servants, no one else was present. The coffin was then placed on a slightly raised platform. At the foot the Kaiser laid a great cross of white and yellow roses.

FOR THE LAST TIME.
The Kaiser did not return to Homburg at once; he remained alone with the Empress for a while. Twilight had turned, and the surrounding hills were covered with a veil of blue mist as the Empress, accompanied by the Kaiser, left Cronberg, having seen the beloved face of his mother for the last time. He looked pale and sorrowful, awakening much compassion in the hearts of those who saw him.

KING EDWARD AND THE NEWS.

The melancholy tidings reached the King on board the Osborne on Monday evening. The following morning, together with the Queen, his Majesty returned to Marlborough House, but before leaving his yacht the following message was despatched to the Lord Mayor of London:

The King sincerely thanks the Lord Mayor and citizens of London for their kind expressions of sympathy on the irreparable loss he has sustained by the death of his beloved mother, the Empress Frederick.

The King and Queen, accompanied by Princess Victoria, left England on

Friday on board the new yacht Victoria and Albert for Frankfurt, in order to attend the funeral service at Cronberg to-day, at which the other Imperial and Royal members will be present. The body will then be conveyed by train to Westpark Station, at Potsdam, and thence to the New Palace at Potsdam, where the closed coffin will lie in state in the Jasper Gallery till Tuesday morning. The route of the funeral procession on Tuesday will be the same as was followed at the funeral of the Emperor Frederick, so that the cortege will pass through the avenues of the palace of Sanssouci to the Friedenskirche—the Church of Peace.

THE FATAL ILLNESS.
The Empress Frederick will be by the side of her husband in the new mausoleum which was built at the entrance to the Friedenskirche for the reception of the remains of the late Emperor Frederick after they had reposed for some time in the church of the same name. The mausoleum, in addition to the fine and simple architecture of the Emperor Frederick, contains the remains of two of his sons who died in childhood, Prince Waldemar and Prince Sigismund. The tomb was constructed by the directions of the Empress Frederick so as to leave a vacant place beside the sarcophagus of her lamented husband, the edifice, which is well known to those who have visited Potsdam, is modelled on the chapel of Isidore, in the Tyrol. It is built of Silesian marble, and the dome is supported in the interior by ten columns of granite. The Emperor and Empress Frederick had seen the little chapel in the Tyrol on one of their journeys as Crown Prince and Princess, and had determined to reproduce it as a family tomb at Potsdam.

MEMORIAL SERVICE IN LONDON.
By command of the King, a memorial service will be held at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, on Tuesday, for which invitations will be issued by the Lord Chamberlain. The English Church has gone into mourning for six weeks. Flags throughout London are flying half-mast, and much loyal sympathy is expressed on behalf of the King and Kaiser. A biographical sketch of the late Empress appeared in our earlier editions.

"FATHER OF THE HOUSE."

INQUEST ON MR. BEACH, M.P.
CONFLICTING EVIDENCE.
The inquest on the late Right Hon. W. W. Beach, M.P., the "Father of the House of Commons," was opened by Mr. Troubridge at Westminster Coroner's Court. Mr. H. P. Hoole, photographer, of St. James's-road, Brixton, gave his account of the accident, and the details of his position at the time of the accident, and the time it occurred, he said that so far as he could judge Mr. Beach's cabman, who was driving towards Charing Cross, tried to get out of the way of an omnibus coming in an opposite direction, and in doing so crossed the newly-filled trench at an angle of 45 degrees. The horse's fore feet seemed to catch the rise in the road. Horse and cab came down with a loud crash, and the cabman was thrown heavily. He afterwards saw Mr. Beach lying insensible by the side of the cab. He thought that the badly-mended road was undoubtedly the cause of the horse falling. He went on to say that there was no guard whatever over the trench, and no man there to warn drivers. The cab-driver seemed to be driving with due care, but as it was getting dark at the time it was difficult for him to see the trench. A jurymen was the road wet at the time of the accident?—Not at all.

PARLIAMENTARY TRIBUTES.

In both Houses of Parliament sympathetic references were made to the death of the Empress Frederick. In the Upper House Lord Salisbury moved that an address should be presented to the King to express the deep concern of the House at the great loss which he had sustained by the death of his royal sister, and also to pray his Majesty that he would be pleased to accept to the German Emperor the profoundest sympathy of the House with the Imperial and Royal Family. Having referred to the pathetic incident which gave rise to this motion, the noble lord described the bright prospects of the late Empress Frederick when she left these shores in 1857. Her dream of happiness, of usefulness, and of glory was, however, almost

SUBDUED CRY.
In the middle of that dream the unhappy blow which had struck her husband struck herself in even greater degree, and she sympathized. They had every reason to sympathize deeply with his Majesty and with the German Emperor in the terrible loss they had sustained, and in the end and pathetic history in which they had played a part, or, at all events, of which they had been sorrowful and powerless observers. Their sorrows had to assure their Sovereign how deeply they felt for the sorrows he had endured, and to assure also the son of this distinguished lady how fully they sympathized with him in his bereavement. In the House of Commons Mr. Ralston, of the part of the Government, Sir H. Campbell-Bannister, of the Opposition, paid warm tributes to the late Empress, and the motion of sympathy was agreed to silently with common assent.

THE KING'S REPLY.

In both Houses of Parliament on Friday his Majesty's reply to the vote of condolence was read. The message was as follows:—I return, you my most sincere thanks for the loyal and dutiful address expressing sympathy with me in the loss I have sustained by the death of my beloved sister, the Dowager Empress and Queen Frederick of Germany and Prussia, and Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland. It affords me great comfort and gratification to receive this expression of her cordial feelings towards me and the Royal Family, and to be reminded of the warm interest you always take in all that concerns us. I shall not fail to communicate to his Imperial Majesty, the German Emperor, your message of condolence with him and the Imperial and Royal Family.

SYMPATHY OF THE BRITISH ARMY.

The following telegrams which have passed between the German Emperor and Lord Roberts have been issued by the War Office:—

Emperor of Germany, Schles. Homburg.—May I offer to your Imperial Majesty on behalf of all ranks of the British Army our heartfelt and respectful sympathy upon the death of the Empress Frederick. (Signed) Lord Roberts, Commander-in-Chief. August 7, 1901.

THE EMPRESS'S REPLY.
To Lord Roberts, Commander-in-Chief, London.—I thank you heartily for the sympathy you kindly expressed

in the name of the British Army with my deep grief. (Signed) William I.R. Homburg, Homburg, August 8, 1901.

UNIVERSAL TRIBUTES OF RESPECT.

Telegrams from all parts of the world show that the death of the Empress Frederick has evoked universal tributes of sympathy and respect. There is not one jarring note anywhere, even in Germany. Practically all the heads of nations have sent messages of condolence—the Kings of England and Italy, the Czar of Russia, the Queen-Regent of Spain, and Presidents Loubet and McKinley, the latter exclaiming: "How noble and how endeared her memory to the American people, in whose name and my own I tender your Majesty heartfelt condolences."

THE BRITISH EMPIRE.
has been in the forefront in expressing sympathy. Official messages of condolence were sent to King Edward from both the Australian Federal and State Parliaments, which adjourned amid impressive silence. The announcement of the death was made in both Federal Houses, and eloquent tributes were paid to the memory of the Empress by the political leaders. Mr. Barton styling her "the worthy daughter of a noble mother," in Canada, and S. Africa the feeling is the same.

THE OTHER END OF THE WIRE.
It is his Majesty's pleasure that the bereavement which the Royal Family has suffered shall not have the effect of cancelling or curtailing the programme for the remainder of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall's colonial tour. On the receipt of the news of the death of the Empress Frederick at Port Louis flags were immediately hoisted at half-mast on the Ophir, the warships, and the merchant vessels in the harbour, and also on the forts and public and private buildings on shore.

THE KING'S JOURNEY.

Details of the King's journey to Germany and yesterday's movements at Cronberg will be found on another page. A biographical sketch of the late Empress appeared in our earlier editions.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

REVENUE OF OUR AFRICAN.
Mr. Chamberlain, replying to Mr. A. Davies, said he understood that the revenue of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony for the month of January to June amounted to about £200,000.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

OUR ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer said the estimated expenditure for the year ending March 31st—including that of the South Africa war—was £301 millions.

NEW PROCEDURE RULE.

Mr. Balfour moved a resolution authorizing the closure of the votes in classes instead of individually. He said there were 70 votes still outstanding, and that the Government were moving the closure of the House at 11 o'clock. The resolution was carried by 160 against 70. The motion was carried by 160 against 70; and the House adjourned at 6.15.

THE OVER-REPRESENTATION OF IRELAND.

Mr. Balfour, who was interrogated by Mr. Cochrane, admitted that the anomalies in the representation of Scotland and Ireland were grave and undoubted, but whether a Select Committee would be the proper body to inquire into the matter was doubtful. The House afterwards proceeded to consider the report on the votes passed at the previous sitting, and on that relating to the Irish Local Government Bill a long discussion ensued. At 10 o'clock, however, the debate was stopped, and the House adjourned at 11.15.

LORD ROSEBERRY'S NEW POSITION.

The ordinary meeting of the G.N.R. Co. was held on Friday, when the directors recommended a dividend at the rate of 8½ per cent. per annum on the half-year working. In concluding his remarks the chairman, Mr. W. L. Jackson, M.P., stated that Lord Roseberry had been invited and had accepted a seat on the board. He thought that arrangement would be welcomed by the shareholders. He was sure the shareholders would give him a hearty welcome when he came to the meeting.

RADICAL WHIPS ENGAGEMENT.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, youngest son of the late Radical leader, has become engaged to a daughter of Sir Richard Paget, another "old Parliamentary hand," who retired from the House of Commons after 30 years' continuous service. Sir Richard is a stern and unbending Tory of the good old type. Mr. Gladstone is staying at Sir Richard's Somerset residence, Creamore Hall, near Shepton Mallet. Gladstone's traditional respect for a constitutional programme to him when they heard the news and set the parish church bells ringing.

HALT APPEAL TO THE KING.

The elected members of the Maltese Council and the members of the National Committee held a meeting this week, at which resolutions were passed in favour of forwarding representations to the King strongly protesting against the additional taxation announced by Mr. Chamberlain in his despatch of July 30 last to Lord Curzon. A mass meeting is convened for to-day.

ROBBED PETER TO PAY PAUL.

In the dock at West London stood Chas. Aldridge, a salesman of Darlington, Fulham, accused of embezzlement.—Det.-sergt. Manley said prisoner, who was employed by a grocer, had appropriated the money received from one customer in order to cover the deficiency in the accounts of another. He had continued the officer, robbed Peter to pay Paul.—Two months' hard labour.

CHAS. ALDRIDGE was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour for the offence of embezzlement. He was 40 years of age, and was the son of a farmer. He was born in Darlington, and was educated at the local school. He was a member of the local football team, and was a popular player. He was a member of the local cricket team, and was a popular player. He was a member of the local tennis team, and was a popular player. He was a member of the local golf team, and was a popular player. He was a member of the local swimming team, and was a popular player. He was a member of the local rowing team, and was a popular player. He was a member of the local sailing team, and was a popular player. He was a member of the local shooting team, and was a popular player. He was a member of the local fishing team, and was a popular player. He was a member of the local hunting team, and was a popular player. He was a member of the local racing team, and was a popular player. 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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

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The 1,767 deaths included one from smallpox, 43 from measles, 15 from scarlet fever, 23 from diphtheria, and 589 from diarrhoea and dysentery.

Different forms of violence caused 81 deaths, concerning all but six of which inquests were held.

Of these 81 deaths, 10 were cases of suicide, and one of homicide, while the remaining 70 were attributed to accident or negligence.

Eleven of these were referred to vehicles in the streets, two to collisions, six others to falling, five to sunstroke, eight to drowning, five to an aneurysm, and one to the effects of surgical puncture.

Of the 12 of infants under one year of age, 12 died.

In Greater London 4,199 births and 2,431 deaths were registered, and 19.2 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

In London and 32 other great towns the deaths registered last week corresponded to an annual rate of 22.4 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,463,028 persons in the middle of this year.

The price of milk was raised a penny a quart this week in most parts of the metropolis.

A correspondent writes to point out that Lord Brownlow's estate is in a state of confusion, and not as stated in last week's issue.

The smallest bird is a Brazilian humming-bird. It is a little larger than a common house bee, and weighs five grains.

Some of the brewers in Germany bottle beer in syphons which contain from 15 to 40 glasses. The beer contains fresh for two days.

The sum of £6,157,000 is the amount of expenditure on naval works authorized by the Naval Works Bill, just passed by the House of Commons.

A pair of gloves from the moment the skin leaves the dressers until the gloves are purchased by the intending wearer.

In Brazil, at the funeral of an unmarried woman, the mourning colour is scarlet. The coffin, the hearse, the trappings of the driver are all scarlet.

The new teacher of the Edinburgh Academy is Mr. F. M. Hawksworth, B.A., of Clifton and Queen's College, Oxford, who has been for 7½ years a master at Rugby.

Writing from the Euston Hotel, N.W., M. Pierre Grandjean asks us to state that he is in no way connected with a person giving the same name who was charged with fraud at Bow-street last week.

Two large Montreal and Quebec firms have taken definite steps towards the opening of trade relations with South Africa, and are about being the pioneer articles of Edinburgh Academy.

The whole of an Italian regiment, which had been marching between Naples and Messina, having been attacked by malaria, the Minister of War has issued orders that all troops in that district are in future to wear veils and gloves to protect them from mosquitoes.

A curious point in Swedish criminal law is that capital punishment can be carried out. If, however, the culprit persists in protesting his innocence in the face of overpowering evidence, the prison discipline is made extremely strict and severe until the desired confession is obtained.

We are all anxious to discover a true weather indicator—one that is strictly up to date. Not many know of the following method: Go out and gaze upon the smallest cloud you can see; if it decreases and disappears, it shows a state of the air that is sure to be followed by fair weather; but if it increases and grows larger, rain is in the air.

The arrangements for the evacuation of Pekin have caused much grumbling among the foreign residents, who declare that the demeanour of the populace is constantly becoming more unfriendly as the troops leave, and that the Chinese are remonstrating with the British and other foreigners in the streets.

The King of the Belgians, when talking to the President of the Senate, this week, insisted on the necessity of carrying out important public works at Ostend, for which the town requires the revenue from the gambling tables.

This is taken to indicate his Majesty's preference for prosperity at Ostend rather than for the abolition of the gaming tables.

Abraham Bey, Grand Master of the Ceremonies and Dragoman of the Imperial Divan, has received, through Lord Wolsley, who recently visited Constantinople as Special Envoy to announce King Edward's accession, a present from his Majesty, consisting of a beautiful silver cup bearing his Majesty's initials. The gift was accompanied by a most cordial letter from Lord Wolsley.

Lord Rothschild, speaking at Aylesbury Athletic Sports, said that before he received a programme of their sports he was rather anxious lest their desire for novelties had introduced a motor car race. He could assure them that he dreaded motor cars as much as bicyclists who used the roads.

He should like to see motor cars pay a heavy license to help to keep the roads in proper order, and their speed should be regulated so as to be a danger to pedestrians and those driving vehicles.

Sir John Wolfe Barry is initiating a scheme for beautifying the chief metropolitan thoroughfares, which he is anxious to see transformed into something like the boulevards of the French capital. With this end in view he has persuaded his colleagues on the Westminster City Council that a start might very well be made with Whitehall, and during the recess the works committee will consider the practicability of planting trees on both sides of Whitehall and Parliament-street, from Horse Guards-avenue to Bridge-street.

The crow flies at the rate of about 25 miles an hour.

Some insects while in the larva state never sleep, but eat incessantly.

It is said that there is never an odd number of rows on an ear of corn.

Five pounds of oats give as much nourishment to a horse as 10lb. of hay.

Belfast, it is said, is the greatest tea-drinking city in the United Kingdom.

Policemen in Vienna must be able to swim, row a boat, and understand telegraphy.

There are known means by which the scars made by small-pox can be removed.

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Kangaroos can jump 11ft. in height against a deer's best record of 9ft. 6in.

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The average income of an English clergyman is £290, of an Indian clergyman £236.

St. Petersburg has the highest death-rate of any European capital, 51 per 1,000.

Servia has 160 sheep to each 100 of her population. We have 50 only.

The dome of St. Paul's is 215ft. in height. St. Peter's, Rome, has a dome 350ft. high.

New Orleans holds the record for crime. Three hundred police made 15,000 arrests last year.

The Japanese earthquake of 1703 was the most destructive on record. It killed 100,000 people.

The United States grants 25,000 acres a year, England only 8,000. Canada grants 4,000 a year.

200,000 rich English families own 300 million sterling. 15,000 rich Irish families possess 15 millions.

The world's output of copper last year was 160,000 tons, a record up to date.

The Bank of England has usually about £25,000,000 to £30,000,000 of its notes in circulation.

Mr. Geo. E. Northey, formerly deputy-governor of H.M. prison at Wormwood Scrubs, has been appointed governor of H.M. prison at Cardiff. Capt. Charles has been appointed governor of H.M. prison at Portsmouth.

It is a magnificent work of gold and silver. The address which is inscribed on parchment is affixed to two ivory sticks, richly ornamented with precious stones.

N.W. GOLD YIELD.

The gold yield for New South Wales for last month amounted to 33,015 ounces, valued at £118,051, as compared with 34,465 ounces, valued at £121,743, in July 1900. The yield for the last seven months amounted to 158,657 ounces, valued at £559,651, as compared with 209,320 ounces, valued at £738,600, in the corresponding period of 1900.

FARMERS' ONLY HOPE.

Mr. Chaplin's advice to the farmers who attended the Welbeck Tenants' Agricultural Society's Show this week was not to neglect the smaller branches of their industry. Only by diversifying the breeding of stock could they expect to escape the depression through which they for too many years had been passing in this country.

WHY YOUR TEETH DECAY.

At the annual meeting of the British Dental Association this week, Mr. Thomas G. Read read a paper on "Some chemical changes in the mouth during the mastication of bread, and the effect of these changes on the modern bread cause the deterioration of tooth tissue. It appears that wherever the roller mill is in operation carious teeth are found instead of the sound ones of the days of the stone-mill.

MEMORIAL TO A LINGUIST.

A portrait of Dr. Thom. Young, from the painting of Sir John Everett Millais, is to be placed in the Victoria Hall, Milverton, Somerset, with the following inscription: "Thomas Young, M.D., F.R.S., died. Born at Milverton, 1773; died 1829. Physician, natural philosopher, and master of many languages. He first established the undulatory theory of light, and translated the Rosetta stone, which is the key to our understanding of the Egyptian hieroglyphics."

GERMAN CRIME INCREASE.

The number of persons sentenced in Germany during 1899 for crime and misdemeanour reached 479,129, or, in other words, one in every 100 of the population above 12 years of age was punished for transgressing the laws of his country. These figures include 11,000 persons sentenced more than once in the same year. Within the last 16 years the number of persons sentenced for offences and crimes of various kinds has steadily gone up, both absolutely and relatively to the increase of the population.

DISAPPEARING LONDON.

Antiquaries are anxious to inspect any relics of the vanished London which will shortly be compelled to seek them in the country. Some years ago Lady Mear chivalrously rescued Old Temple Bar from total destruction and rebuilt it, stone by stone, at the entrance of her park at Theobalds. Following this patriotic example, Mr. Wickham Wakely, a well-known architect, has recently excavated near Blackfriars, which formed a portion of the famous Dominican Priory, in his grounds at Seledon Park.

It seems incredible that London street arabs, who are being sent this month to the country, are various philanthropic agencies are being sent to clear off, when he picked up after the first day or two, to return to the streets. Yet we are told that many of them "dread the darkness and silence of the night" in the country, and yearn to exchange Arcadian dulness for the daily excitement of their native slums, where there is always a drunken man, a fight, an arrest by the police, or, at any rate, a funeral. The Vicar of St. Alban's, Holborn, than whom there is no better authority, admits that many of his youthful parishioners "would prefer the grandeur of a single day" with a triumphal procession through the streets, "to a fortnight in the country."

THE "FATHER OF THE HOUSE."

It may not be generally known that the late Mr. W. B. Beach, M.P., was the victim several years ago of a similar accident to that which has just proved fatal, the cab in which he was riding was being driven by a man named Smith, who was at the bottom of the Haymarket. On this occasion, however, he escaped with nothing more serious than a severe shaking. There is a melancholy interest attaching to the division list which was issued last Saturday, as it shows that deceased member took part in the division at 6.37 on the previous evening. The motion for adjournment over the Parnley dispute, his name immediately following that of his cousin Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, who now succeeds him in the "fatherhood" of the House of Commons.

A YEAR'S LAW.

FEWER DIVORCES, BUT MORE JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS.

Mr. J. Macdonell, C.B., LL.D., has just issued his report dealing with the civil judicial statistics for 1899. In the House of Lords there were 78 appeals—slightly above the average.

Seven were from Ireland, the largest number since 1877. Thirty-four of these appeals were affirmed and 12 reversed.

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL, the appeals rose from 767 to 825—an increase chiefly due to the Workmen's Compensation Act. With regard to the whole legal business of 1899 there was a trifling decrease in the proceedings begun, and a slight increase in the actions heard and determined.

Of the 20,955,924 recovered in the King's Bench, only 4,177 were recovered about July 1, 1899. In the Commercial Court 197 actions were tried—a record. On circuit there was an increase in the actions set down, and a decrease in those tried—443 being tried out of a total of 1,141.

HUSBANDS AND WIVES.

Divorce actions are not on the increase. For four years they were almost stationary, totalling 645 in 1898. Those for judicial separation (82) were considerably less than in 1898. "The petitions by wives," says Mr. Macdonell, "are now almost equal to those by husbands, the numbers being 370 as against 400. In 1894 the former were somewhat in excess of the latter." The orders by magistrates having the effect of the judicial separation amounted to 6,533, as against 5,649 in 1898. The number of debtors imprisoned varied little from year to year. In 1899 they were 7,867. Out of 892 cases under the Workmen's Compensation Act, the defendants succeeded in 246 cases; while under the Employers' Liability Act 91 succeeded out of 244—a marked difference.

DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

A year of all-round material prosperity, 1899 was marked by fewer petitions in bankruptcy (4,536), revocable orders (4,083), and deeds of arrangement (2,974) than usual. The total liabilities (£20,395,351) were also less than in 1898. The deeds of arrangement were the fewest in the last decade. There was also a decrease in the petitions for winding up, companies—294, as against 360, the proceedings against solicitors numbered 70, as against 88.

ROYAL BOTANICAL SOCIETY.

Yesterday afternoon, the annual meeting of the Royal Botanical Society was held at the gardens, Regent's Park, Mr. C. B. Marley presiding. The annual report stated that the negotiations with the Department of H.M. Woods and Forests had been concluded, and a new lease of the gardens had been granted for 31 years. The accounts showed that the year's working had resulted in a profit of £223, nearly double that of 1898. The number of new fellows had been 88, the losses by death and resignations 60, leaving the number of fellows on the books at 2,124, which showed a steady increase in number. During the year nearly 500 students' orders had been issued, and about 40,000 specimens distributed. Since the negotiation with H.M. Office of Woods, with regard to the new lease, the society had erected new buildings, costing £6,000. With the building of these club-rooms, and other permanent attractions which had been added to the gardens, the extension of the scientific work, and the formation of the gardening school, the council felt confident that now their hands were strengthened by new grants of the new lease, the prospects of the society were better than they had been for many years. The report was adopted, and the chairman gave an address on Japanese flower drawing.

DETENTION OF LUGGAGE.

A lady applied at Westminster for advice as to the detention of some luggage belonging to two young Belgian ladies who were on a visit to this country. Applicants stated that in addition to the engaged apartments of them at a house in Sidney-st., Chelsea. On their arrival they declined to stay, as the landlord was half way and above. Mr. Shell: How long did they stay? Applicant: They arrived in the morning and would not remain, but the landlord kept their luggage, demanding two guineas for a week's rent of Mr. Shell: It is well for a person like him to know that he cannot detain the luggage. He could not even possibly detain on it till rent was due at the end of a week. One of the officers was directed to order the luggage to be given up.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

At Bow-st., yesterday, Henry J. Baeley, 32, borrowing clerk at Charing Cross; Jno. Beaumont, 42, ticket collector at Westminster

THE WAR.

LORD KITCHENER'S PROCLAMATION.

OFFICIAL TEXT.

STERN MEASURES TO CLOSE THE CAMPAIGN.

A Parliamentary paper was issued on Friday containing correspondence relating to the prolongation of hostilities in South Africa, its principal feature being the proclamation which Lord Kitchener has been instructed by his Majesty's Government to issue.

NATAL SUGGESTION.

On July 25, Mr. Chamberlain received from Sir H. E. McCallum, Governor of Natal, a telegram giving reasons why sterner measures should be taken to crush the present guerrilla warfare, suggesting that if the burghers now in the field do not surrender in a month, the cost of the maintenance of all women and children should be charged against the immovable property of such burghers; also that, unless Boer Generals and leaders in the field do not surrender within a period specified, they will, when captured, be banished for life from South Africa.

DRAFT SENT TO LORD KITCHENER.

The second document is a telegram from Mr. Chamberlain to Lord Kitchener, dated July 30, and containing the draft of the proclamation to be issued with the least possible delay, after communication of its terms to the Governor of Cape Colony and Natal. Mr. Chamberlain adds, "You should state that in the opinion of his Majesty's Government its terms seem to be fully warranted by the existing situation, and calculated to have a good effect in bringing about a more rapid termination of hostilities."

THE PROCLAMATION.

By a subsequent telegram dated Aug. 5, some slight verbal alterations were made in the draft (after the concurrence of the Natal and Cape Town Ministers had been received), and the following is the form in which the proclamation was directed to be issued, the terms being finally made public on Aug. 6:—

"Whereas the late Orange Free State and the late S. African Republic have been annexed to his Majesty's dominions; and whereas his Majesty's forces are, and have for some considerable time, been in complete possession of the seats of Government of both the aforesaid territories with their public offices, and the whole machinery of Administration, and control of all the principal towns, and the whole of the railway lines; and whereas the great majority of the burghers of the two late Republics, to the number of 35,000, exclusive of those who have fallen in the war, are now either prisoners or have submitted to his Majesty's Government and are living peaceably in towns or camps under the control of his Majesty's forces; and whereas the burghers of the late Republics still in arms against his Majesty are not only few in numbers, but have lost almost all their guns and munitions of war, and are devoid of regular military organisation and are therefore unable to carry on regular warfare or to offer any organised resistance to his Majesty's forces; in any part of the country; and whereas those burghers who are still in arms, though unable to carry on regular warfare, continue to make isolated attacks upon small posts and detachments of his Majesty's forces, to plunder of property, and to damage the railway and telegraph lines, both in the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal and in other portions of his Majesty's South African Dominions; and whereas the country is thus kept in a state of disturbance checking the resumption of agricultural and industrial pursuits; and whereas his Majesty's Government is determined to put an end to a state of things which is so seriously prolonging bloodshed and destruction and inflicting ruin upon the great majority of the inhabitants, who are anxious to live in peace, and to earn a livelihood for themselves and their families; and whereas it is just to proceed against those who are resisting his Majesty's forces, and especially against those persons who, being in a position of authority, are responsible for the continuance of the present state of lawlessness, and are instigating their fellow burghers to continue their hopeless resistance to his Majesty's Government;

"Now therefore I, Lord Kitchener, do, under instructions from his Majesty's Government, proclaim and make known as follows:—

"All Commandants, Field-cornets, and leaders of armed bands, being burghers of the late Republics, who are engaged in resisting his Majesty's forces, whether in the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal or in any other portion of his Majesty's South African Dominions, and all members of the Governments of the late Orange Free State and the late S. African Republic, shall, unless they surrender before the 15th of September next, be permanently banished from South Africa; the cost of the maintenance of the families of all burghers in the field who shall not have surrendered by 15th September shall be recoverable from such burghers, and shall be a charge upon their property movable and immovable in the two Colonies."

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